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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method for <u>preparing a budding virus</u> expressing a transporter having transporter activity, wherein the method comprisingcomprises
- (a) culturing a host <u>cell that (i) is infected</u> with a <u>budding recombinant-virus</u> that comprises a gene encoding the transporter and (ii) is recombinantly expressing the transporter; 5 and
- (b) expressing the transporter on the envelope of a budding virus released from the host cell; and
- (c) harvesting the released virus, wherein the transporter on the envelope of the released virus has transporter activity.
 - 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus is a baculovirus.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transporter is <u>of non-viral</u> <u>origin.derived from a non-virus.</u>
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the transporter is a peptide transporter or an organic anion transporter.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the transporter is <u>H+/di-tripeptide transporter 1 (PepT1) PepT1</u>, <u>H+/di-tripeptide transporter 2 (PepT2) PepT2</u>, or organic anion-transporting polypeptide-C (OATP-C) OATP-C.

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6. (Currently Amended) A <u>purified baculovirus</u>, the envelope of which comprises a <u>mammalian transporter having transporter activity</u>.

7-9. (Cancelled)

- 10. (Currently Amended) The <u>baculo</u>virus of claim 6, wherein the transporter is a peptide transporter or an organic anion transporter.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The <u>baculo</u>virus of claim 10, wherein the transporter is PepT1, PepT2, or OATP-C.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A method for measuring the activity of a transporter, wherein the method comprises expressing the transporter on a viral envelope.
 - 13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein the virus is a budding baculovirus.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein the transporter is a peptide transporter or an organic anion transporter.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein the transporter is PepT1, PepT2, or OATP-C.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A method of screening for a substance that inhibits or promotes transport activity of a transporter, wherein the method comprises the following steps:
 - (a) expressing the transporter on a viral envelope,
 - (b) contacting the transporter with a test substance, and
 - (c) selecting a substance that inhibits or promotes the transport activity.

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17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein the virus is a baculovirus.

- 18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein the virus is a budding virus.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim16, wherein the transporter is of a non-viral origin.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the transporter is a peptide transporter or an organic anion transporter.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the transporter is PepT1, PepT2, or OATP-C.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, which comprises immobilizing the virus on a support.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein the virus is immobilized on the support through an antibody against an envelope protein expressed on the viral envelope.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein the virus is immobilized on the support through a biotin-streptavidin reaction by biotinylating a protein expressed on the viral envelope.
 - 25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the host cell is an insect cell.
 - 26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the insect cell is an Sf9 cell.

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27. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising assaying the harvested virus for activity of the transporter.

- 28. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising confirming that the transporter on the envelope of the harvested virus possesses transport activity.
- 29. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising using the harvested virus in an assay for detecting whether a test compound is transported by the transporter.
- 30. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising using the harvested virus in an assay for detecting whether a test compound inhibits the activity of the transporter.
- 31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the budding virus of (a) is a recombinant budding virus comprising a gene encoding the transporter.